(f) whether it is not a fact that the above amount can be spent on reconstructing the old Post Office building at Pondicherry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. The building is not in a dilapidated condition. The space available there is adequate and necessary facilities have been provided to the employees.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the building is in good condition and has adequate space, the question does not arise.

(d) In view of reply to (c) above, the question does not arise.

(e) There is a proposal to construct an Inspection Quarter at Pondicherry Head Post Office the estimate for which is about Rs. 14.17 lakhs.

(f) In view of what is stated in (c) above reconstruction of the building is not ocnsidered necessary.

Hindustan Shipyard Limited

404. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Shipyard Limited has no orders for Shipbuilding and Offshore Platforms;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking steps to procure orders for Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to advance funds to Hindustan Shipyard Limited to save it from financial crisis due to lack of orders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(a) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Grant of freedom fighters pension

405. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to consider requests received after the due date for grant of freedom fighters pension;

(b) whether applications received from the applicants of Hyderabad are being considered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The applications received after the prescribed last date are considered only if these are accompanied with documentary evidence from the official records and sufficient reasons exist for condonation of delay.

(c) As and when such applications are received these are examined for disposal on merits of each case.

Grievances of Students of JNU

406. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a copy of a memorandum orginally submitted to the Regional Manager (Operations), South, Delhi Transport Corporation, by the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union about the problems faced by students in respect of bus services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or propose to take to redress their grievances?